

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 97-061-C - ORDER NO. 97-209

MARCH 14, 1997

IN RE: Application for Approval of the ) ORDER  
Interconnection Agreement Negotiated ) APPROVING  
by GTE South, Inc. and 360<sup>O</sup> Communi- ) AGREEMENT  
cations. )

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request for approval of an interconnection agreement negotiated between GTE South, Inc. ("GTE") and 360<sup>O</sup> Communications ("360<sup>O</sup>") pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act").

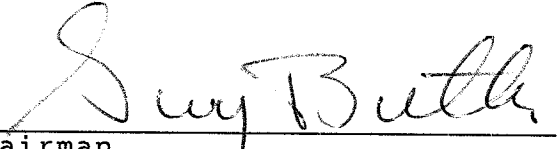
The Commission has examined this agreement, and finds that it is consistent with the standards set out by Section 252(a)(1) of the Act, and should be approved as filed, since it is not discriminatory and is consistent with the public interest, in that it promotes competition. We further hold, however, that the terms of this agreement are not to be considered as a precedential standard for other agreements, and it is not binding on any other carrier.

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This Order shall remain in full force and effect until  
further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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